

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper Arkansas WS - Cropland/Soil Management

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas WS - Cropland/Soil Management		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	

7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has any portion of the offered acres been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is there a current COMPLETE resource management conservation plan in place?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. If application is funded, will this be the applicant's first EQIP contract for this resource issue?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the site assessment score of site specific potential erodibility for wind and sheet and rill erosion >0 but =<5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the site assessment score of site specific potential erodibility for wind and sheet and rill erosion >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the site assessment score of site specific potential erodibility for wind and sheet and rill erosion >10 but =<15?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the site assessment score of site specific potential erodibility for wind and sheet and rill erosion >15 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the site assessment score of site specific potential erodibility for wind and sheet and rill erosion >20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is the erosion reduction score for sheet and rill erosion >0 but =<5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Is the erosion reduction score for sheet and rill erosion >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Is the erosion reduction score for sheet and rill erosion >10 but =<15?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Is the erosion reduction score for sheet and rill erosion >15 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the erosion reduction score for sheet and rill erosion >20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >10 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >20 but =<35?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >35 but =<55?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

17. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >55 but =<80?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Is the erosion reduction score for wind erosion >80?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated flow >0 but =<3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated flow >3 but =<5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated flow >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated flow >10 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated flow >20 but =<30?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Is the erosion reduction score for concentrated >30 but =<40?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >0 but =<5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >10 but =<15?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >15 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >20 but =<30?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
30. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >30 but =<40?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >40 but =<50?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. Is the soil quality-carbon sequestration score >50?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
33. Is the plant suitability, condition, and integrated pest management score >0 but =<5?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Is the plant suitability, condition, and integrated pest management score >5 but =<10?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. Is the plant suitability, condition, and integrated pest management score >10 but =<15?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
36. Is the plant suitability, condition, and integrated pest management score >15 but =<20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. Is the plant suitability, condition, and integrated pest management score >20?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
38. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improve and enhance wildlife habitat as a part of the overall operation of the agricultural enterprise, including invasive species control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
39. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a switchback system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
40. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a rest-rotation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
41. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a deferred rotation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
42. Does the conservation treatment include use exclusion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
43. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a limited or a standard pasture high intensity short duration system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
44. Will the proposed project include the renovation of an old windbreak/shelterbelt, including the removal of dead trees or rows and replanting to maintain the function of the windbreak/shelterbelt to protect cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
45. Does the proposed project include the establishment of a new windbreak/shelterbelt for the protection of cropland that includes species diversity including shrubs which is also beneficial to wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: